



MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021 - 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rudy called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

Mayor:	Brian Rudy
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Mark Clark
Council:	Laura Speer
	Alicia Johnson
	Fred Neal
	Amanda Castle
	Tammy Mortenson

PROCLAMATION

1. Hispanic Heritage Month 2021

Council Member Johnson read the proclamation aloud and proclaims September 15 – October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Evans and encouraged citizens to share in this annual tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively impacted our nation. Mayor Rudy then presented the Proclamation to Cristobal Garcia, a resident of Evans and Associate Director of Alumni Relations at University of Northern Colorado.

2. National Planning Month 2021

Mayor Rudy read the proclamation aloud and proclaims October, 2021 as Community Planning Month in the City of Evans in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month. He then presented the Proclamation to Anne Best Johnson, Community Development Director and David Woolman, Planning Commission Member.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark made the motion, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of the September 7, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark made the motion, seconded by Council Member Castle to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Resolution Number 24-2021 in support of Measure 2B on the November 2, 2021 ballot which would enable the City to use its existing sales tax on food to pay for the costs related to a new Police Station, without a tax increase

Mr. Becklenberg reviewed the item as detailed in the agenda packet. At its August 17, 2021 meeting, City Council adopted Resolution 19-2021, which placed Measure 2B on the ballot. If passed, Measure 2B would authorize the City to use revenue from its existing sales tax on food to pay for costs related to a new Police Station without any new tax or increase to existing taxes. The Fair Campaign Practices Act allows the City to adopt resolutions in support of ballot measures, whether they are referred by the City Council or another party. A key purpose for adopting such a resolution of support is that news about it, including the text from the resolution, can then be disseminated factually. For this reason, staff is presenting Resolution Number 24-2021 supporting Measure 2B for the Council's consideration.

Mayor Rudy is in full support of the Resolution and hopes the word gets out to the citizens to read the Resolution.

Council Member Mortenson made the motion, seconded by Council Member Neal to adopt Resolution Number 24-2021 in support of Measure 2B on the November 2, 2021 ballot, which would enable the City to use its existing sales tax on food to pay for the costs related to a new Police Station without a tax increase. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

5. Consideration of Resolution Number 22-2021 Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement for property located at 22203 County Road 35

Mr. Becklenberg reviewed the item as detailed in the agenda packet. He then turned the meeting over to Anne Best Johnson, Community Development Director.

Anne Best Johnson provided an overview of the proposed pre-annexation agreement. The City of Evans has established an urban growth boundary. An urban growth boundary identifies future land use as well as where the City is expected to be able to provide municipal services. This boundary establishes where and how the City wants to grow in the future. Land uses proposed through the Weld County land use review process may or may not be proposed in harmony with the City's future land use map and plans. Often the City encourages property owners to annex into the City of Evans or to enter into a Pre-Annexation Agreement. The City attorneys, as well

as staff from the Community Development Department, have developed a Pre-Annexation Agreement to solidify property owners' intent to annex and develop in the City of Evans in the future when it makes sense to do so. Mr. Jim Meining has proposed a native plant nursery to be located at 22203 Weld County Road 35. This property is in the southeastern portion of the City's Urban Growth Boundary. Retail Uses-Extensive are envisioned as the future land use within the City of Evans for this area. While Mr. Meining is proceeding with his land use process through Weld County, he is agreeable to annex, rezone and develop in the City when his property is contiguous, or when it is otherwise readily able to be annexed in the future. There are no financial obligations to either party by entering into a Pre-Annexation Agreement.

Council Member Castle supports the Pre-Annexation Agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark supports the Agreement as well.

Council Member Speer stated that County Road 46 is quite south of LaSalle. Anne Best Johnson clarified that the property is located in the current Future Growth Boundary and will not be changed with the new Master Plan. Council Member Speer appreciated Mr. Meining for his interest in Evans but is not in favor of annexing south of the river.

Council Member Neal thanked Mr. Meining for possibly bringing future business to the City of Evans.

Mayor Rudy also thanked Mr. Meining and he supports the Agreement.

Council Member Johnson made the motion, seconded by Council Member Mortenson to approve Resolution Number 22-2021 to enter into a Pre-Annexation Agreement for property located at 22203 County Road 35 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement. The motion passed 6-1 with Council Member Speer voting against.

6. Consideration of Resolution Number 23-2021 in Support of a Division of Local Affairs Grant Application through the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Program for an Economic Development Resiliency Plan

Mr. Becklenberg reviewed the item as detailed in the agenda packet. The Division of Local Affairs (DOLA) administers the Rural Economic Development Incentive (REDI) grant program for communities with fewer than 25,000 residents. Staff is requesting support for an application that would allow for creation of a comprehensive Economic Development Resiliency Plan. City Council has provided preliminary approval of the Economic Resiliency chapter of the Master Plan. REDI funds are awarded to communities to provide funding assistance to diversify their economies and contribute to a resilient state economy. Outcomes of an Evans award would be driven by the Economic Resiliency chapter of the Master Plan and include development of specific programs to improve economic resiliency, increase business engagement, directly support entrepreneurship and create quality jobs. Staff is working closely with DOLA regarding the request so that the City can maximize grant opportunities and enable the City to best compete for this funding. Direct and immediate implementation of the vision, values and actions included in the Master Plan is the outcome desired through this grant application. The final project budget may be up to \$100,000, of which the City is requesting \$75,000 to come from the REDI grant. The final budget and match request will be presented to Council should the City be awarded the grant.

Council Member Castle made the motion, seconded by Council Member Neal to adopt Resolution Number 23-2021 in support of a grant application to the Division of Local Affairs for an allocation of funds through the Rural Economic Development Initiative program to create an Economic Resiliency Plan to reflect the vision, values and strategies established in the Master Plan update. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

REPORTS

7. City Manager

Randy Ready, Assistant City Manager, provided the quarterly CIP update to Council. Mr. Becklenberg discussed Heritage Days and thanked Council for their support.

8. City Attorney

Scott Krob, City Attorney, did not have a report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (general comments)

There was no audience participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. To discuss possible acquisition of a real property interest, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a)
10. To receive legal advice on specific questions related to an intergovernmental agreement with the Evans Fire Protection District and to give direction to negotiators in connection with that agreement, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e)

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark made the motion, seconded by Council Member Johnson to move into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss possible acquisition of a real property interest and to receive legal advice on specific questions related to an intergovernmental agreement with the Evans Fire Protection District and to give direction to negotiators in connection with that agreement, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a), (b) and (e). The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

The meeting reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

Scott Krob noted for the record that the executive session that Council concluded was within the scope of the statute and that he was present for the duration of the discussion, so the discussion is subject to the attorney client privilege.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.


City Clerk



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